

House Bill 573

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-127.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, so  
3 as to provide a punishment for persons who deliberately and with intention aforethought  
4 possess a weapon at such places; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-11-127.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying  
9 weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, is amended  
10 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, it shall be  
12 unlawful for any person to carry to or to possess or have under such person's control while  
13 within a school safety zone or at a school building, school function, or school property or  
14 on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school any weapon or explosive  
15 compound, other than fireworks the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title  
16 25. Any person who deliberately and with intention aforethought violates this subsection  
17 shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more  
18 than \$10,000.00, by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or both;  
19 provided, however, that upon conviction of a violation of this subsection involving a  
20 firearm as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-131, or a  
21 dangerous weapon or machine gun as defined in Code Section 16-11-121, such person shall  
22 be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not  
23 less than five nor more than ten years, or both. A child who deliberately and with intention  
24 aforethought violates this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of Code Section  
25 15-11-63."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.